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Patent 266232
in name of Valinge Aluminium AB
Application for Revocation by Unilin Décor NV

New Zealand Application

We regret the delay in dealing with this matter.

The Office reported the Examiner's comments on 4 August. On 3 September the patentee filed further amended claims. On 28 September the Applicant for Revocation noted that they may wish to comment on the proposed amendments, and sought a copy of the patentee's letter to the Office dated 17 June.

In respect of Baldwin Shelston Waters letter of 17 June, we are not sure whether it contains any information which they would wish to be confidential, and we ask Baldwin Shelston Waters to copy that letter, or such parts of it directly related to these proceedings, direct to Pipers, please.

With respect to the further amendments proposed on 3 September, the Examiner reports as follows: (I should report that the delay in passing on these to the parties is mine, not the Examiners, and I apologise for that):

Proposed claims 1 and 5 to 21 appear acceptable by way of disclaimer.
Proposed amended claims 2 to 4 still do not appear to be allowable for reasoning as previously noted.

After considerable effort we appear to have reached a stalemate so far as the acceptability of proposed claims 2 to 4, and is considered that these proceedings should now continue, with this aspect to be determined at the substantive Hearing in due course. Accordingly the Applicant for Rectification's evidence is to be filed within 2 months – by 22 December 1999.

Yours sincerely,



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